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DELIVER IN SEALED ENVELOPE TO LARRY EAGLEBURGER
TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

WITHOUT YOUR SPARKLING WIT, STAFF MEETING THIS MORNING WAS A DESULTORY AFFAIR. TIMMONS REPORTED THAT HIS CONGRESSIONAL SOUNDINGS CONTINUE TO INDICATE THAT THE BASIC ISSUE IN THE HINTERLAND IS THE ENERGY CRISIS AND THAT BY IN LARGE THE PEOPLE ARE BLAMING THE OIL COMPANIES. INFLATION IS THE NEXT MOST PROMINENT ISSUE AND IMPEACHMENT SEEMS NOT A MAJOR CONCERN. BRYCE HARLOW EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN WITH SOME OF THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES, WHICH SEEM TO BE RUNNING COMPLETELY UNCOORDINATED WITH THE WHITE HOUSE. HE FEELS IT IS A SERIOUS AND A GROWING PROBLEM AND, WITH THE PRESIDENT AWAY, FORD IS BECOMING A SORT OF A PRESIDENT IN ABSENTIA.

YOU WILL BY THIS TIME HAVE SEEN THE TRIBUNE AND STAR "SPYING" ARTICLES AND NOTED THAT MOORER HAS DENIED ON THE RECORD THAT HE HAD ANY DIFFICULTY OBTAINING INFORMATION THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS. I WILL NONETHELESS SPEAK WITH HIM ALONG THE LINES OF HAKTO 1, WITH THE THRUST BEING THAT WE MUST ENSURE THAT HIS REBUTTAL CONTINUES TO BE DISPLAYED PROMINENTLY IN ARTICLES ON THE SUBJECT.

WARM REGARDS.

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